GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:75
ANSWERED ON:19.02.2009
PASSENGER TRAFFIC IN AC COACHES
Patil Shri Shriniwas Dadasaheb

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether passenger traffic in Air Conditioned (AC) coaches has increased during the last three years;

(b) if so,the percentage increase in revenue earnings during this period from AC passengers;

(c) whether the Railways are planning to increase AC coaches in Express/Superfast trains to generate more income; and

(d) if so,the steps taken by the Railways to attract more passengers to travel by train in order to avoid this segment shifting towards travel by budget airlines?

Answer

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS(SHRI LALU PRASAD)

(a) to (d): A Statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF STARRED QUESTION NO.75 BY SHRI SHRINIWAS DADASAHEB PATIL TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 19-02-2009 REGARDING PASSENGER TRAFFIC IN AC COACHES.

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): The percentage increase in passenger earnings from AC classes during the last three years has been as under:

Financial Year	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08
Earnings from Air Conditioned Coaches (in Crores)	2697.21	3319.99	4189.14
% increase over previous year	12.72%	23.09%	26.18%

(c) : Yes,Sir.Between 2005-06 and 2007-08, we have added 1633 Air-Conditioned(AC) coaches. The target of production of AC coaches in 2008-09 is 684 coaches.

(d) : The steps taken by the Railways to attract more passengers to travel by Air Conditioned classes of the train are as under:-

i. Increase in number of coaches

ii. Scheme of Frequent Travellers(SOFT)

iii. Upgradation Scheme

iv. Discounts in fares of Air Conditioned classes